and Narmada Sagar Project of Madhya Pradesh has been stalled due to the fact that Central Government have not accorded permission for use of forest land for the purpose of constructing these projects under Forest Conservation Act;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken for expediting the work on the above projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The proposal for diversion of forest lands for Tons Hydel Project has been approved. The decision on proposals for diversion of forest land for the Indira Saroval (Bodhghat) and Narmada Sagar Projects will be taken on the avilable information, taking into account all environmental aspects. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh have not still submitted some essential information in regard to diversion of forest lands for the Ban Sagar Project. The decision on the diversion of forest lands for the Ban Sagar Project will be taken on receipt of the required information from the State Government.

News-item Optioned "Funds diversion .... cost fire service dear"

2273. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 28th February, 1987 captioned "Funds diversion cost fire service dear";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to set matters right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A grant of Rs. 11.83 crores spread over 2 years has been sanctioned for improvement of the Delhi Fire Service. This is to cover the purchase of equipments and appliances and setting up of 5 new fire stations and underground water static tanks.

(c) The grant of Rs. 5 crores has been released during the current financial year and the Delhi Fire Service have stated that this is being utilised for the specified purposes.

Implementation of laws for weak and underprivileged

2274. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reply to the letters written by Central Government to State Governments concerning proper implementation of the laws for the weak and underprivileged especially of the laws like Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and the Minimum Wage Act, 1948 has been received; and

(b) if so, the names of the States that have replied and the details of the action taken by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Dissemination of commercial information

2274. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether exporting community feels handicapped due to inadequate dissemination of commercial information; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?